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# Rapid River News!

Mdaamini-Gtizis (Corn Moon)  
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From L.R.B.O.I.



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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Office of Public  
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1-888-723-8288  
1-231-398-6840

Per Cap update: The next Revenue Sharing Payment amounts are \$836.34 for citizens 18 to 54 and \$1672.69 to elders age 55 and older. They will be distributed by Tuesday, December 15th.



(Special message from the White House (released on Wednesday the 25th of November)

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release  
November 25, 2009

Statement by the President on Native American Heritage Day

"Tomorrow, Americans everywhere will observe our National Day of Thanksgiving. It will be a time of celebration and reflection as we gather with family and friends to count our blessings and remember those less fortunate. But it will also be a time to remember how this holiday began— as a harvest celebration between European settlers and the American Indians who had been living and thriving on the continent for thousands of years."

"That is why on Friday, I encourage every American to join me in observing Native American Heritage Day. My Administration is committed to strengthening the nation to nation relationship with tribal governments. But it is also important for all of us to understand the rich culture, tradition and history of Native Americans and their status today- and to appreciate the contributions that First Americans have made, and will continue to make to our Nation."



Casino Board Meeting!  
The next Casino Open Board meetings are  
scheduled for December 11th in the  
Grand River Room.  
The meeting starts at 4 p.m.

## Warriors Society updates:



Iraq/Afghanistan. The Warriors Society wants to know if you have family members currently on active duty in either of these two theatres of operation. If so, please send the information to the Warriors Society at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660



December meeting in Muskegon. The December 5th meeting of the Warriors Society will be held at the Muskegon Tribal Center at 10 a.m.

- Tribal Committee/Commission openings. The following is a list of commission seats currently available and also seats that will be open.

Gaming Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20
Housing Commission	2 current openings	1 openings as of 9/20
Binojeeuk Commission	4 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Health Commission	1 current opening	1 openings as of 9/20
NR Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20

Anyone interested in serving on any of the above commissions need to submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office. Thanks

## Tax-Exempt Quotas

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.  
Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 2 cartons (20 packs) per Tribal member  
while tax-exempt supply lasts.

THE TRIBES ANNUAL QUOTA OF TAX-EXEMP  
CIGARETTES ARE ALMOST GONE.  
TAX-EXEMP CIGARETTES WILL NOT BE  
AVAILABLE AGAIN UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2010.

### *(Kateri Circle)*

*Humbleness means peace and honesty -- both mean Hopi. True, honest, perfect words -- that's what we call Hopi words. In all languages, not just in Hopi. We strive to be Hopi. We call ourselves Hopi because maybe one or two of us will become Hopi. Each person must look into their heart and make changes so that you may become Hopi when you reach your destination."*

*--Percy Lomaquahu, HOPI*

*The Creator has made available to us all the laws, principles and values which we need to know to live in harmony. The Creator also designed each human being to learn and grow by trial and error. We have tools to help us live the right way. We have prayers, visions, nature, teachers, Elders, and we have the Great Spirit to talk to and ask for help when we have problems. We also have choice. To walk the Red Road takes courage and a lot of prayer.*

*Creator, give me courage to walk the Red Road*

**Beneficiary Forms:** The Enrollment Department would like to remind all Tribal Members who have not filled out a Beneficiary form or a PerCap Beneficiary form needs to contact our office. Please remember that these forms have to be notarized. There are still some Tribal Members who need to update their addresses. If you have moved, are moving in the near future or know someone who has moved please contact our office to update the address. This form has to be notarized as well.

**Payment Delays.** It has come to the attention of the Enrollment Department that there have been a number of situations whereby access to Per Capita and Bereavement Benefit payments have been hindered because of the individual who is listed as the beneficiary. The cause of the problem has been due to the listing of a minor child as the beneficiary. The Enrollment Department is recommending that if you currently have a minor child listed as the beneficiary on either your Per Capita or Bereavement Benefit form that you may want to consider changing that person to an adult to eliminate any future problems associated with the distribution of those funds on your behalf.

**Tribal Directories** are now available at the Enrollment Department. A written request must be submitted if you would like one mailed to you or they can also be picked up at our office. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. We can be contacted by calling Diane A. Lonn at (231) 398-6712, Jessica Wissner at (231) 398-6713, or Laurie Willis at (231) 398-6720.

**Water tower inspection and cleaning.** This notice is from the Tribal Utility Department:

Large users should contact the Utility Department at 398-2299.

The water tower will be out of service for 3-5 days beginning November 30, 2009 for inspection and cleaning. Water pressure will be maintained throughout the cleaning and inspection service. There should be no disruption of normal household or commercial service at this time.



***Come and Join us  
for Our Monthly  
Peacemaking talking circle***



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**There will not be a Talking Circle for Peacemaking in December due to the holiday schedule.**





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This information is subject to change without prior notice. This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 9-30-09. If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule. Court Docket. The latest Tribal Court Docket is shown below. If you have questions concerning the Court activity, please contact them directly.

## Hearing Key Code

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation  
DM - Divorce with children  
EB - Election Board Appeal  
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment  
GM - Guardianship of Minor  
JV - Juvenile  
NC - Name Change  
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support  
DO - Divorce w/o children  
EM - Emancipation of Minor  
GA - Gaming Appeal  
GR - Employment Matter  
LT - Landlord Tenant  
PF - Probate  
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket  
EA - Enrollment Appeal  
FJ - Foreign Judgment  
GC - General Civil  
JC - Judicial Complaint  
NA - Neglect Abuse  
PPO - Personal Protection Order  
WC - Workmen's Compensation

## Awaiting updated Court Docket

Anishinaabemowin at MAPS. Tribal Language instructor Kenny Pheasant will be starting a language class at Manistee High School today. He will be teaching one (1) class per day, each week; He was also planning on doing the class in memory of Bob Olsen the school superintendent who walked on unexpectedly. This will be a regular class offered at the high school, much like Spanish.

Be-Da/Bin and Education Talent Show. There's still time to get in on the Talent Show for our Elders taking place on December 5th. Please see the flyer below and join in the fun.

United Way/LRCR. The casino resort had a major kickoff of the next United Way campaign on last Tuesday at the casino. The casino and tribal government is supportive of this campaign and encourages all employees to participate.

Traditional Healer scheduled: December 15th, J.D. Gibson, Traditional Healer will be in Manistee. To make an appointment, please contact Julie Wolfe at 231.398.6632.

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:  
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.  
Or send them direct to [currentcomments@lrboi.com](mailto:currentcomments@lrboi.com) .  
Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.